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THE NEW ELECTION CODE

FOR THE first time in recent years voters will be able to find out just what, if anything, the various candidates for student offices think about the problems which they will face.

This is perhaps the most important change in a drastically revised Election Code.

In previous years campaigns here have been little more than popularity polls, won usually by the man with the best group of ward-healers. Students could hardly be blamed if they showed apathy and a lack of interest in both the campaign and the election.

Two other changes are of almost equal importance. By providing for a mass meeting at which each clique will be given a chance to present its case, interest in the election will be increased and cliques will have to have something more than vague generalities to offer voters.

With Student Council providing posters free to all parties, independent groups with little financial backing will be encouraged to run, especially for Student Council positions. The provision that each clique may, in addition, spend ten dollars "as it sees fit" will give a decided advantage to groups who can show a little imagination and ability in their publicity.

These reforms, however, should be considered only as the start of a much-needed wholesale revision of campus politics. Syracuse, for example, recently adopted a "civil service" system that could well be used here.

Next year's officers, whoever they may be, will find that to exercise any sort of power they must be able to demonstrate that they actually represent the student body. And they can do so only by serving the students instead of helping themselves to what they can get.

PANHELLENIC PROBLEM

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL is supposed to represent the eleven sororities on campus. Actually the delegates are little more than puppets controlled by the officers and the advisory board.

Changes in the rushing code were brought up for discussion at a meeting recently. As usual only two or three presented their opinions. The rest of the delegates sat like robots, and the plans were quickly passed over to the rushing committee.

Important issues that affect every sorority individually passed to a committee representing a few, as if they were the ultimate authority. It would seem that the officers rush through discussion so their original plans will remain the same.

The delegates should demand to be heard in that case. They should feel that their opinion is as important as any of the officers. The officers in turn should encourage more discussion instead of hurrying through it. They are supposed to consider every sorority and not their own views alone. When there is this kind of cooperation the sororities will no longer complain that they have been railroaded into new ideas.

—S. R. H.

WHILE OF INTEREST AS AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT of the administration's attitude toward co-ed drinking, we feel that Denn Ray's letter in this issue does little to throw new light on the problem. One can agree with nearly every sentiment in it and still feel that freedom, not suppression, is the best solution. Essentially it is the statement of an idealist's credo that is very fine to look at and admire, but one that is hardly realizable.

ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO A SENIOR CLASS voted its class funds for a campus gate. Later plans made a gate unnecessary and next fall will see a new score board built with that money. This year's seniors will at least have the satisfaction of actually seeing just what their money went for, even though only about fifty were enough interested to attend the meeting at which the class gift was decided upon.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

April Fools

Lucille Zuck Giles, fem lead in the new Thespian show was presented with the much coveted bird cage award her freshman year at Westminster where they excommunicate you for smoking on campus. The prized trophy is given each year as a headress to the freshman who distinguishes herself by breaking the most rules. . . . The recent election of Bernie Burkett as basketball manager sounded the death knell of one Charles Campbell—affectionately termed by us from time to time as "Stinker," and not nearly such a bad gent as we once thought. . . . Newell Townsend, a heart rending object, squelches Easter enthusiasts with a "No, I didn't have a good time. I got drunk," before they have time to chirrup their queries.

Grim Forecast

Campy is warning you aspiring journalists—take a lesson from better men than you and learn something practical—like planting potatoes.

Remember Jim Beatty who wrote this column two years ago? Recovered from his recent illness Jim is about to become an assistant gang foreman with the Pennsylvania R. R. joining the ranks of journalists Josie Lockhard and Harry Henderson. . . . And Jules Vernick, Froth editor until the College intervened is now on a lecture tour. When last seen he was in a store window eulogizing house paint. "And remember folks when you dip your brush in a bucket of our paint you dip your brush in beauty."

Anne Boyer wrote a carefully worded application for a job, mailed it and remembered with horror that she had forgotten to sign her name. She jotted down an explanation to her potential employer and a few days later received the letter back with the p. c. "Dear Excited Lady, Once in the course of my career I wrote a letter to resign from my position for a better one and forgot to sign my name. Ha! . . . Rosalind Mestrazat phys edder who has never taken an art course has a job in the art department.

Love Is News A diamond sparkler for Adelaide Nokes from Albert Chevalier Bickel, cheerleader last year. Pudge Smith and merman Dick Geiger have also announced matrimonial intentions. . . . Jo Wentling flew to Detroit Easter to see his o. a. o. Doris Stewart and Ben Jones still going strong spent Easter together. Someone has thrown a damper on the Bien-Hetzl flame. Hatty and Wardsy Pie Wolf have come to one of those well known understandings. Bob Sangston, Sigma Nu flash probably has something to say about it.

Easter Eggs

Bact. 21—glorified Hygiene course has its moments aside from Iola Murray and the muscle men. Maddy Purnell shining in Easter splendor dashes in ten minutes late to a cheering audience. Four Izzy Richters answer roll. . . . After viewing the grotesque creations that top the co-eds new permanent Campy dittos. "Bazooka" Burns. . . . "Now it's Queen Mary's turn to laugh."

Paul Hirsh, former senior class prexy and Bill McKecknie baseball captain are in New York writing popular songs. Their fifty songs still unpublished undaunted they claim they will crash Tin Pan Alley with a bang. . . . Jack Barnes after resigning a position on the New York Times—as copy boy is now employed on the Wall Street Journal. His duties are to get quotations from the market every morning and bring them to the office.

Letter Box

To the Editor:

In the discussion of drinking among women students, it must be understood that not all are asking for the same standard. It would be impossible to find one-hundred per cent support of our scholastic standards, and yet such standards must be set high by those who have some grasp of the aims of education.

In the case of social conduct among women students, the guiding principles are formulated by those selected as leaders, as is the case in all representative government. Under our house organizations, the ideas of individuals may be carried to the House of Representatives, which is composed of the presidents of all upperclass dormitories, and to Freshman Council, composed of the heads of freshman houses. These two bodies and the Senate of W.S.G.A. perform a teaching function in the assembling of facts and the guiding of public opinion. A large part of the girls who come to Penn State look confidently to their elected representatives for such guidance. Just at this point appears the misunderstanding on the difference between setting a standard and enforcing a law.

The statement of disapproval of drinking, as given on page 87 of the 1936-37 Handbook, represents a standard which Senate and others consider a guide to women students. Any standard implies education and training toward its attainment, and a standard such as this implies a regard for something more than the letter of the law. It implies an understanding of the situation in which a thousand young women away from home must receive safeguards which are absolutely essential for some if they are to survive a college course. The social obligation of community life was once expressed thus—"The only complete freedom is with the person who lives on an island alone; as soon as one other person shares the island, a curtailment of freedom is inevitable in the interest of justice and comfort."

If we consider the interest of parents in this issue, we shall grant an absence of complete agreement. A very few parents, who themselves encourage drinking in the home, have expected the College by some magic to keep their daughters away from drink, or at least away from its obvious effects. And it was because of several incidents growing out of such misunderstanding that a written statement of standard became necessary. Social standards, like laws of the land, are likely to grow out of the demands of specific situations; and in the present case the written statement completely conceals its unpleasant origin.

On the other hand are many parents making great sacrifices in the fond belief that college life is preparing their daughters for useful vocations and happy living, parents whose personal sentiments and practical observations make them unwilling to associate moderate drinking with the education of girls. Added to this is the further fact that many citizens with no leanings toward the dry side somehow resent the idea of having their state institution of higher learning entangled in the question of women's drinking. Finally, the fact that many of our girls go into the teaching profession presents another problem. Certain school boards prohibit drinking among their teachers; and here, again, the pressure sometimes comes from men rather free in their personal practices but zealous in their protection of the interests of youth.

Why should some of us who are older care so much about this issue? Chiefly because we want to see youth have the happiness it deserves. Any question about the lasting satisfactions to be found in drink may be referred to the writer of "This Moderate Drinking," reviewed in Reader's Digest of May, 1936, and previously given in Harpers.

I do not pretend to know how much or how often one may drink without doing violence to his own best self. But who has time to spend finding out? A modern philosopher, Overstreet, sets us a better task—"We have the rare privilege of spending a lifetime developing what we have in us to be."

Verly truly yours, Charlotte E. Ray

To the Editor:

In the current issue of the Bell is an article which every faculty member at Penn State ought to read. Dr. Jerome Davis, of Yale, writes about "Education and the New Frontier." "The New Frontier in America," he says, "is unemployment, exploitation and special privileges. To conquer it we must make liberty, equality and fraternity something more than his-toric slogans. We must provide real work, real security and real freedom, both in education and in society."

Beautiful generalities, yes; but let's apply them to our own situation. Of late we hear much of appropriations about to come to us for new buildings and physical plant, we hear of prospective increases in enrollment in the college, of rising rents and real estate values. But has any one yet heard of a proposal for a commensurate improvement in the economic status of the members of the faculty? This writer has found that when two or three instructors get together, most often the topic of conversation will be the wide disparity between their salaries and the cost of living in State College. With prices rising everywhere, this discrepancy grows daily.

Most groups in our society have organized and often put up a fight to gain their ends. Witness the Iron and Steel Institute, the National Association of Manufacturers, the chain store group in its recent barrage of full-page ads, and many others. Organized labor has gained notable victories as well. But we college teachers seem to have been content to leave our economic well-being to boards of trustees, deans, and heads of departments. We seem to have been willing to accept a certain "pride of position" and the opportunity to enjoy the beauties of our mountain scenery as a substitute for adequate remuneration. We have preferred to think of ourselves as "professional men" rather than as laborers; whereas in economic terms we are "laborers" just as much as the steel workers on the new water tower are. Teachers own few of their "instruments of production" and they must sell their services to an employer, with usually little voice in the terms of the bargain.

The American Federation of Teachers is an organization through which teachers can make their voices heard. This can be accomplished, not by the method of strike (the A. F. T. is not a striking organization), but by group representation of the interests of teachers. Furthermore, in view of the influence of labor in the present state administration, the affiliation of teachers here with the labor movement ought to be a strong bargaining point for the College in its dealing with the legislature. All in all, it is time for teachers to take action.

Very truly yours, A Faculty Member

To the Editor: I have read the COLLEGIAN with interest all year. You undoubtedly have a great boxing team but why such biased news writeups regarding same? Your articles reached a new high in an unsportsmanlike alibi in the March 16 issue. You lost—so EIBA officials are all wet! Why? Come on and be sports!

S. M. Mead, Editor, The Annapolis Log

Summer Courses Reach 450 Mark

45 Departments To Cooperate In Instructing Expected Record Enrollment

The coming Summer Session of Penn State will offer 450 different academic, professional, and vocational courses of collegiate grade through the cooperation of forty-five departments to a number of students even greater than the 3,575 who attended the Summer Sessions last summer.

The summer is divided into four sessions of courses. They are the main session from June 28 to August 6, the Altoona Branch session from June 28 to August 6, the inter-session from June 8 to 25, and the post-session from August 9 to 27.

Dormitory accommodations, residence cottages, special living quarters on the campus, fraternity houses, and furnished houses and apartments in town will be available.

The instructional fee is \$5 per credit in the undergraduate courses and \$6 per credit in the graduate courses. A special fee is charged in the Institute of French Education.

A complete bulletin on the Summer Session is available to all who request one from the director of the Summer Sessions in the Education Building. Bulletins on various phases of the Summer Session such as living accommodations, recreation and entertainment, art, dramatics, the French Institute, home economics, industrial teacher training, library science, music, nature camps, physical education, public school nursing, high school speech groups, and others are available.

Martin To Address Social Study Group

Speaking on "The Sequel to the White House," Dr. Asa E. Martin, of the department of history and political science, will deliver one of the principal talks at the luncheon sponsored by the Social Studies Sec-

To Dedicate Pastoral Laboratory on May 4

The formal dedication of the Regional Laboratory for Pastoral Research, established by the federal government here, will take place on Tuesday, May 4, Dr. Stephenson W. Fletcher, director of research of the School of Agriculture, recently announced.

In conjunction with the dedication, a conference on pastoral research will be held. Officials from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and representatives of the experimental stations of the twelve states in the Northeastern region will attend.

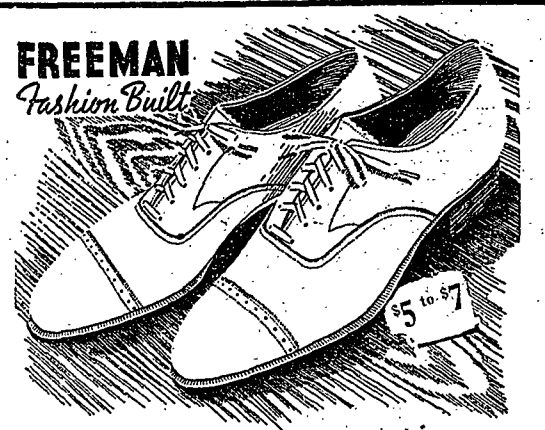
Under the direction of R. J. Garber, the new laboratory will be used to experiment in breeding better types of pasture grass and to study the environmental conditions most favorable for the proper growth of pasture grasses.

Miners To Give Labor Phase of Coal Strife

Interested students will have the opportunity to hear labor's side of the industrial problem at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night when five representative miners from Scott's Run, W. Va., will speak in the Home Economics auditorium.

Brought here by the P.S.C.A., the miners will discuss with their audience the problems of community life in a section like Scott's Run, where there are 9,000 people of numerous racial and national backgrounds. The meeting is part of a study project to obtain the viewpoints of employers and employees in the coal industry. Trips into mining communities are being planned in this connection.

Dr. Martin will base his address on the opportunity to hear labor's side of the industrial problem at Thiel College, Greenville, tomorrow. Author of a half-dozen books, Dr. Martin will deliver one of the principal talks at the luncheon sponsored by the Social Studies Sec-



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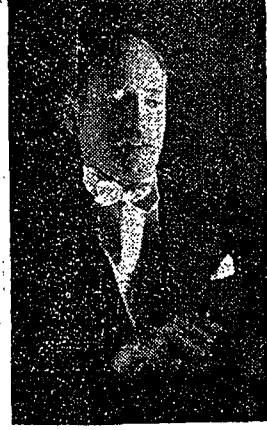
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